Faculty Council Meeting  
March 16, 2021

Faculty Council Members Present:
N. Andrew Vaughan, MD, MBA; John Parker Jr., MD; Soudamani Singh, PhD; Nalini Santanam, PhD; Nick Chongswatdi, MD; Amiri Farzad, MD; Gary Petty, MD; Hillary Porter, DO (Chair); Andrew Nato, PhD; Christina Hensley, MD; Nicolas Phan, MD; Kristina Bryant-Melvin, MD; Mohammed AlJasmi, MD; J. Ivan Lopez, MD, FAAN, FAHS; Eva Patton-Tackett, MD; Akshay Goel, MD

Approval of Minutes:
Dr. Gary Petty moved to approve the minutes from the November 2020 meeting; all members are in favor with none opposed.

Presentation by Dr. Lynne Goebel (Daycare for Medical Trainees):
Dr. Lynne Goebel is proposing the Marshall University School of Medicine begin a daycare program specifically for medical trainees. She presented data about female medical students waiting until later in life to have children because of lack of support throughout medical training. Dr. Goebel is proposing the Faculty Council to sponsor a movement for Marshall University School of Medicine to develop a daycare program for medical trainees (students & residents) and faculty members. Dr. Goebel polled faculty members, and those who completed the survey agreed a daycare program would be beneficial, and a great recruitment tool.

Following a discussion between the Faculty Council and Dr. Goebel, the Council decided to research which institutions had their own daycare programs. The Council also sent out the survey (previously sent by Dr. Goebel) with additional questions to MUSOM faculty, students and residents. The results of the survey will be presented at the April meeting, and the Council will discuss next steps.

Dismiss/Next Meeting:
The next Faculty Council meeting will take place Tuesday April 20. The Council will continue the discussion on a SOM sponsored daycare program.